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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2011, Applicant submits the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this communication.

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 14 of this communication.